

TESTIMONIALS  
IN FAVOUR OF  
FREELAND FERGUS, M.D.



3 ELMBANK CRESCENT,  
GLASGOW, 26th December, 1892.

TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

A. J. MUNDELLA, M.P.,  
PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRADE.

SIR,

Understanding that the Board of Trade are about to appoint an Ophthalmic Surgeon at each of the important Ports of the United Kingdom, for the purpose of examining the eyesight of seafaring men and of railway servants, I beg respectfully to offer myself as Surgeon for the Clyde Ports.

I am Surgeon to the Glasgow Eye Infirmary, and previously was Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Glasgow Royal Infirmary.

Believing that no one can be an ultimate authority on vision and colour vision without a good knowledge of the Science of Light and of Colour, I have during the past three years taken a full course of Laboratory Work on these subjects at the Technical College in this city. Ten years ago I worked through a similar course with the late Prof. Donders of Utrecht.

I am thoroughly acquainted with the Report of the Royal Society's Committee on the subject, and ventured to write a slight criticism of it in the form of a letter to the *Ophthalmic Review*.

Having been frequently at sea\* my knowledge in this direction would be useful in examining seamen.

Should I be successful in my application, I shall endeavour to discharge the duties of the office faithfully to the Candidates and satisfactorily to the Board.

I have the honour to be, SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

FREELAND FERGUS, M.D.

\* *Vide* Testimonial p. 7.



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*From* DR. E. MEYER, *of Paris.*

73 BARD. HAUSSMANN,  
PARIS, 4<sup>th</sup> December, 1892.

DR. F. FERGUS (de Glasgow) a suivi pendant un temps prolongé mon enseignement ophthalmologique et en travaillant à ma clinique, a donné les preuves de ses connaissances et endues et complètes dans toutes les branches de notre science spéciale.

Depuis lors son travail pratique et ses publications démontrent sa compétence parfaite aussi bien dans les parties purement scientifiques que dans les branches pratiques de l'ophthalmologie.

E. MEYER.

*From* DR. C. E. FITZGERALD, M.D., *Dublin.*

27 UPPER MERRION STREET,  
DUBLIN, *December 7th*, 1892.

MR. A. FREELAND FERGUS' capabilities as an ophthalmic surgeon need no endorsement from me.

There is one branch of the science of ophthalmology to which, I believe, he has devoted very great attention, viz., that which relates to the testing of the visual acuteness and the colour sense.

On this subject I should look upon him as an eminently qualified authority.

C. E. FITZGERALD.

*From* JAS. M'KENZIE DAVIDSON, M.B.C.M., *Ophthalmic Surgeon, Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen; Ophthalmic Surgeon, Sick Children's Hospital, Aberdeen; Surgeon to Ophthalmic Institution, Aberdeen; Physician to the Asylum for the Blind, Aberdeen; Lecturer on Diseases of the Eye to the University of Aberdeen.*

343 UNION STREET,  
ABERDEEN, 13<sup>th</sup> December, 1892.

I HAVE great pleasure in stating that I consider DR. FREELAND FERGUS admirably qualified to test the vision of sailors and railway servants.

He has a very extensive and thorough knowledge of ophthalmology, and his great proficiency in physical optics and all that pertains to the light, colour, and form sense fit him particularly well to discharge the duties of the post he now seeks.

JAS. M'KENZIE DAVIDSON.



*From* JAMES BLYTH, M.A., *Professor of Natural Philosophy,  
Glasgow and West of Scotland Technical College.*

ANDERSONIAN COLLEGE,  
GLASGOW, 12th December, 1892.

DR. FREELAND FERGUS has been a student in my Laboratory here for several years, and has worked specially at the subject of Geometrical and Physical Optics.

He is well acquainted with the ordinary methods of determining accurately the curvature, focal length, etc., of all forms of mirrors and lenses. He has also worked with and fully understands how to work with such instruments as the spectroscope, spectrometer, optical bench, and polariscope.

He has used them to find the dispersive powers of different media, the indices of refraction of solids and liquids, and the wave lengths of the different spectrum colours.

Dr. Fergus is at present engaged, as often as opportunity allows, in finding how the index of refraction of a solution of salt varies with its density, which may be of service in certain cases met with in oculist practice.

Dr. Fergus has, I have observed, a good working knowledge of Mathematics, and is able to work out for himself and understand the formulae connected with the various optical instruments.

JAMES BLYTH.



*From* CAPTAIN JOHN M'NEILL, *Master, S.S. 'Princess Louise.'*

DUNDEE, 16th December, 1892.

I HEREBY certify that I have known DR. F. FERGUS for the last five years.

He has been round the North of Scotland with me four or five times, so that I have had a good opportunity of observing the great interest he takes in seafaring work.

He can steer the ship by compass as well as any sailor, he is a good chartsman, he knows all the lights and signals used at sea, he has a thorough understanding of the "Rule of the Road," has good eyesight.

He has a good practical knowledge of Home Trade Navigation.

JOHN M'NEILL.





